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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the remarks which follow are responsive to the final office action dated August 30, 2005.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

By the foregoing amendment, applicant has amended claims 49 and 73 to eliminate use of the word "disposable" and to correct other typographical problems. All rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are believed to have been overcome by these amendments. No new matter has been added.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 49-61, 63, 65-70 and 72 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. Enclosed herewith is a terminal disclaimer obviating this double patenting rejection. It is noted that the Office Action stated no other grounds for rejection of dependent claims 60 and 61. Thus, the filing of the terminal disclaimer has placed the subject matter of dependent claims 60 and 61 in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

Claims 49-59 and 62-78 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 and/or §103. In view of the allowability of dependent claims 60 and 61, independent device claim 49 has been amended to recite the limitations (i.e., automatic sensor deployment apparatus) of dependent claims 60 and 61, in Markush format. Accordingly, claims 60 and 61 have been cancelled. Also, claims 53 and 55 have been cancelled and claim 54 has been amended to comport with the changes in independent claim 49.

Independent method claim 73 has also been amended to state that the device provided and used in that method includes at least one of the automatic sensor deployment apparatus recited in allowable claims 60 and 61. This is believed to have also rendered method claims 73-78 distinguishable over the prior art.

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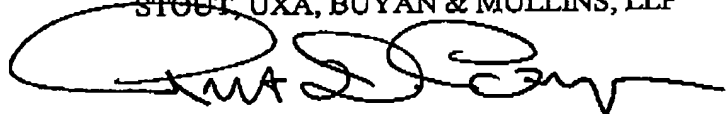
Conclusion

The foregoing amendment raises no new issues and does not require any further searching. Furthermore, this amendment decreases the number of claims pending in the application. Accordingly, entry of this amendment on an after final basis is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

All remaining claims 49-52, 54, 56-59 and 62-78 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance prior to the six month response deadline of February 28, 2006 is earnestly solicited.

A two (2) month extension is hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The Director is hereby authorized to deduct the small entity fee for this extension, as well as the fee for the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer and any other fees due in connection with this filing, from Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

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